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THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15.

BUTLER got a deace high in the presidential deal, but then the old man is good at bluffing.

"Now is the winter of our discon tent made glorious summer by the news from York"-Chet B. Arthur.

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Ir may all be very well to raise a mammeth fund for the defense of O'Donnell, but who will take care of It after he is hung?

CLEVELAND'S majority is eclipsed in New York by the majority in favor of abolishing convict contract labor, which was 234,976. The Texas "lidee"

THE prosecution of the star route thieves is to be reopened. The big ones escaped, but the little fellows may as well send in their order to the tailer for striped sults.

THERE is a larger volume of money as the circulating medium of the country now than ever before. Not 1870 was there so much money for use.

GOV. CRITTENDEN of Missouri issues a proclamation requesting municipal and other corporations to adopt the new time to go into use on the railroads of that state on the 18th inst. As the 95th parallel of west latitude, which will be the standard of this section, passes through St. Louis, the change in that state, if adopted, will hardly be noticeable.

IP Mr. Huntington has really pur chased the Mexican National and Rio Grande & Pecos railroads, as reported. they are important acquisitions to his system. This is trenching on the power of the Gould syndicate in the extreme Southwest. The Peces road will give Huntington control of a coal distriet that should prive very valuable to him. The Gould people virtually control the coal product in the Indian Territory, and with Huntington owning the black diamonds in the South west would be a very fair division.

Mr. Ruagan doesn't expect anything if Mr. Handall is elected, and Mr. Reagan will probably not be disappointed. And if Mr. Tilden is elected next year Mr. Reagan needn't expect anything, either. If a close friend of Mr. Tilden's is elected Mr. Reagan will be upt to be left out in the cold. In fact, Mr. Reagan seems to have an excellent prospect of working his way purely on his own merits. But he is sturdy and strong, and will no doubt enjoy this sort of thing.

A Typen special to the Galveston News conveys the information:

The people in this section are generally outspoken in condemning the action of Gov ernor Ireland in recommonding the use of separate scacking on railroads for the negroes, and think that the matter should be left to the railroads to control. This may be so, but judging the

sentiment in that section by the utterances of the Tyler Democrat and Reporter, which may be fairly presumed to represent reputable sently ment, it would seem that this correspondent does not gauge public opinion any too accurately.

THE Knights of Labor organization will have a bill put before congress next winter to provide for the assist ance and settlement of co-operative colonies on governmental lands. Of course it will have no support. In congress. This is not a paternal government for the fathering of individual enterprise. Still the demand of these Knights of Labor for government support is as right as the demand of manufacturers to have industry taxed to sustain them. But they are smarter than the untutored Knights of Labor, and present their claim in the name of "protection to American industry."

Gov. Ireland and Thankagiving. The act of Governor Ireland in Issu ing a proclamation, requesting the people of Texas to observe the 29th instant as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, will hardly take the public by surprise. It has come to be pretty well understood that the governor, whatever his private views about the propriety or importance of observing these semi-religious festivais and occa-

social order. In other words, he is thoughtful and conservative. This is not, strictly speaking, an important matter, the issuance of this procisma-

Reduction of Taxes.

Unless Comptroller Swain's estimates and figures are shown to be errongous, the reduction of the rate of taxation below the existing rate will seriously eripple the financial administration of the state government. The opinion of an call isl of such experience and familiarity as Mr. Swain with the details of state evenue must carry great weight in settling the question. No doubt he is as heartily in favor of the principle of such reduction as those who assert it can be done, but his judgment teaches him to move cautiously in taking a sten that may leave the state unprovided with the means of earrying on its administration. But however great the weight of authority attached to Mr. Swain's views, they must not be allowed to sway the members of the legislature who are soon to meet in specal session to consider the matter. The question. is one that demands minute investigation, thorough study and sound judgment, and no consideration aside from even in the flush times from 1864 to the welfare of the state should be allowed to influence a single vote for or against the measure. There is always a popular clamor for a lessening of taxes, and as far as this can be done compatibly with a proper and economical provision for the means of carrying on the government, it is always in order. Nevertheless, if after mature investigation the conviction unwillingly forces itself upon the mind that a reduction is not practicable present, legislators should not yield to the popular demand by putting the rate of taxation below an adequate figure. The public judgment will approve this. They may be disappointed, but if this can be shown to be best, it will not be resisted.

> There are very few states whose tax rate is as low as that of Texas, even now. A majority of the states have a maximum limit of fifty cents on the

honesty of its agents and the conspiracies of outside parties, is aniszing. Hundreds of thousands of acres of land have been discovered by the fraud commission to have been taken up by evasions of the requirements of the law, and are now illegally held by syndicates and private parties. Some of the methods by which the state has been cheated and the school fund robbed of this immense domain are hinted at by Hon. I. A. Patton, legislative representative of the 35th distriet, and one of the members of the commission, who was in Fort Worth yesterday, and in conversation casually mentioned many instances of at-

tempted and accomplished fraud. Under the law of April 6, 1881, school lands were thrown open to purchase, in tracts of not less than 160 acres; but no person or corporation was to be permitted to purchase more than 640 acres of arable land. The instances of the evasions of this section are numerous. In one case that came under the commission's notice one man had entered land under two hundred fletitious names. He testified to them that he got these names from parties thing has dropped. Perhaps it is furin a Northern state who furnished ther to Galveston than it is to St. Louis, in a Northern state who furnished ther to Galveston than it is to St. Louis, take, or a disrepretation to bim. He did not know that these were veritable names, but signed them as agent as if they were. An earlier than the paper that mentioned them as agent as if they were. An earlier than the paper that mentioned during the stons, is imbaed with a wholesome and other man was learned to have filed on Reagan for president. Perpaps the

everything that tends to moral and name of a child unborn, but in expectancy. The amusing feature of this day and "dated up" on its more lionest for "John ---," but nature refused to we reproduce the cablegrams and leave be guided by such circumstances, and the similarity to be explained by be guided by such circumstances, and the saminarty to son of contrast with the rather erratic and certainty original course of Gov-Ireland's immediate predecessor, respecting "the blending of Church and state," as he expressed it. Governor Roberts' originality (to put it mildly) attracts notice to Governor Ireland's decorous conservatism and thoughtful consideration. The religious element in the state did not ask this proclamation, but it is not too much to say that they will view it with lively gratification. It is a graceful recognition that will not lack appreciation from religionists and believers, whether Gentile or Jew. And so, requested alike by the heads of the national and state governments, Thanksgiving day will no doubt be observed right cheerily and generally throughout Texas.

be guided by such circumstances, and the expectant "John" proved not to the sex to which that name is be of the sex to which that name is they alueded and to cover the case a county surveyor bought up all the valuable land in the county in the rand of the statutory provision that name of foreign parties, in contract or the sex that name is they alued in the expectant "John the expectant "John the expectant "John the state during the survey of the sex that name is usually attached, and the expectant "John" proved not to those who are up in the business: sisters and their cousins and their aunts," and they took him at his word, including members of the family in embero as well as in posse. Furthermore, these frauds are not found to be confined to the public school lands alone. Though the authority of the commission does not extend to the investigation of any frauds other than those perpetrated in connection with the school lands, their investigations led incidentally to the discovery of a condition of things in of the larges of word, including members of the discovery of a condition of things in of connection with the saylum and uni-these versity lands as rotten as they found that connection with the seylum and uniin the school lands. The eventual loss to these funds through these frauds, if they are not righted and punished,

will be millions of dollars. disability under whileh commissioners labor is limited time allowed for investigation. They are given, under the law, six months for the discovery and investigation of these numerous fraudulent purchases, and the attorney-general must prepare his cases and begin prosecutions for the recovery of the lands within twelve months from the passage of the law creating the commission. If anything should intervene to prevent his action within the prescribed time, or if additional cases are found outside of the time allowed the fraud commission in the control of the walked to the exception of the control of the cont time allowed the fraud commission for investigation, the state has no remedy for the wrong. The special session of the legislature could extend inc the time for the rectification of these frauds without wrong to anybody.

A Tale of Two Cablegrams. The "metropolitan" papers are now receiving 'special cablegrams." The special cablegrams." The special planations of how cablegrams are padded—that is, a sharp Bohemian in New York inkes, say ten words of cable, a guide book, an encyclopedia, a biography, an autobiography, a few songhi-and obtained old foreign papers and a dictionary of all The "metropolitan" papers are now maximum limit of fifty cents on the dellar, while the limit under our new constitutional amendment is thirty-five cents for state revenue, and that even is not pushed.

Reduce the taxes by all means, if it can be done; but let no haif-considered rage for reduction lead to a lowering of the rate below the point necessary for good and economical government.

"His Sisters, His Consins and His Aunts."

The notorious and algrant breaches of the spirit of the law regulating the alienation of public school lands in this state led to the creation of a commission by the Eighteenth legislature empowered to investigate cases of such violation, and charged to report to the attorney-general, who was instructed thereupon to bring suit for the recovery of lands obtained by illegal process. The land fraud commission have industriously been discharging their duties, and their labors are almost finished. The extent to which the state has been made the violting of fraud, through the ignorance or distinctly of the agents and the complex and the complex of fraud, through the ignorance or distinctly of the restriction of the spirit of the agents and the constitutions and the reaction of a commission by the Eighteenth legislature empowered to investigate cases of such violation, and charged to report to the attorney-general, who was instructed theoreupon to bring suit for the respectation of the state of the stream of the content of the stream of the content of the stream of the content of the stream of the public to lustify clipping it from the state led to the creation of a commission by the Eighteenth legislature empowered to investigate cases of such violation, and charged to report to the attention to the public to lustify clipping it from the transmitted to the public to lustify clipping it from the public to lustify clipping it from the public to he public as soon in this state led to the creation of a commission by the Eighteenth legislature empowered to investignt the state of the creation of the creation of the creation of old foreign papers and a dictionary of INTRIDIES WITH THE GREAT SPECTOR QUOTATIONS, and the ten words esterned contemporary remarked some days ago) is "nothing if not enterprising." Among other metropolitan journals examined by as were the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the Gaiveston News, which papers we always read way which papers we always read way which papers. with especial interest—the first for its able articles on Mrs. Juo. Brown, and the latter to see who is the latest mentioned for the presidency. We reproduce below two "special cables," one being from the Globe-Democrat of November 4th, and the other from the Galveston News of November 5th. These two "special cables" are very much alike—alike as two black-eyed peas. Their origin alone prevents them from being taken for a pair of Siamese twins, so to speak—the cables gram to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Naws is from the cablesgram to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon, while the cablesgram to the Naws is from the cable gram to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon to the Globe-Democrat is from London, while the cablesgram to the Tuondon to the Globe-Democrat is from London. News, which papers we always read won a have pork with a need their gains wi London, while the cablegram to the striking similarity of the cablegrams sent from different places on different saffered by the upset to different papers is only a queer coincidence, a freak of journalistic eccentricity—and perhaps it leads along the control of the cable of the control of the cable of the control of the cable of the cab days to different papers is only a queer sula coincidence, a freak of journalistic eccentricity—and perhaps it isn't.

Perhaps the Houstonian plan has gone abroad, even unto the island flow ball to go to the wall.

Perhaps some-

decorous regard for the opinions of re- land in the name of his wife and Globe-Democrat, which got its start spectable people, as well as respect for children, even entering under the by stealing dispatches and shaking in venture was that the entry was made Galveston metropolitan brother. But

change every ming lunched mo-ly at the same in in the Angel hore

in the Angel hotel for many years, and at the end of the day's business was driven home quietly in a cab fie gave to certain charities freely, and was generally respected. In fact, excepting some of his victims in the exchange, no one can be found to speak har-hity of him. In order to get Ranger's own expandation of his failure and of his was need to be seen methods, of the ereditors. One of the larges of these said to-day, -fhe delant attitude that is still maintained by that man Hanger is the climax of effontry. His burly flaurels a prominent as ever as prominent as ever as the swargers along

prominent as ever as the awargers stend the Hags on broad land street under his broad-brimmed hat, and puffing the amoke of his costly eight into the faces of those whom his robbed. It he amistake, however, to suppose that Morris Ranger is a vulgar swaggerer, or that in his life and labits he is, as baseen erroneously per prisity repiled:
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risk they were incurring, and if the fide
had turned the other
way they would have
pocketed their gains
without a remark.
However I have had
the satisfaction of recriving assurances of the end of the day's unsiness was driven home in a backney cab. He gave to charities freely, and was generally respected. In fect, excepting some of his victims on the exchange, no one

representes from these with whom I deal.
My transactions have effect extended to 550,10,000.
"What were the facts

ear that is all a mis-

MORRIS BANGER.

[Special Cable to the News.]

Liverpoot, November 4.—A survey of the wreck caused by the failure of Ranger, now several were so badly crippled as to be all-ready toppling. It is not belleved the list of evil results is yet com-pleted, and next set-tling day, Saturiar, is awaites with anxions foreboding and con-viction that it will bring the minoninas-ment of several more failures. Mat the deposit of margins would en-courage the corner-ers, who would be critain to receive something out of the wreck, no matter who suffered.

ment of several more failures,
A meeting of Itanger's creditors was yestering announced to take place on the EM instant. It is probable that it will be a stormy one as the As daylight courses through the dark. And in the fire-piace not a spark, stormy one, as the fee ing against Han-ger is very bitter on the part of many of the creditors. The ashes searched disc ose: The madam shivering, quivering keen, Betakes her to the kerosene, And female upward goes, Ranger lived quiet ly, and his habits wer

Divinity has been awfully jilted. WINTER is disrobing of her summer

"Tith Lord loves the Republican party."-GATH is of the opinion the Republi-

an ticket will be Arthur and Gresham,

is 6,976—an (minense in jority these days.

inst. The governor says so,

THE latest move of the dress reformers is to abolish the mourning costume. If they do away with that they will earn the A Conors couple met at a picnic,

fell in love at first sight, were married that night, and divorced three days afterward, says the Watertown (N. Y., Times, "Tunn the rascals out" will not answer as the battle ery of the next cam-paign. While the bemocrats are doing the

yelling the "rascals" do the staying. THE Southern states that have dropped politics and taken up manufactures and the development of mineral and agricultural lands, are the ones that have made the

DR. JACKSON, an English surgeon living in India, was stung to death by hor-nets recently when hunting tigers. He recived over two hundred stings and died from erysitelas that followed.

papers of the country has been poured upon the devoted head of poor Benjamin Butler since his defeat. When a man is down, kick him. It's human nature. TEXAS and Georgia are the only

two states that fine men for selling the Po-lice Gazette and kindred publications. And if we mistake not both Texas and Georgia are in the unlettered South. Louis F. PAYN, the Republican candidate from the Duchess district of New

York, and who, as a stalwart, commended the assassination of Garfield, was defauted by four thousand votes at the recent elec-Col. OCHILTREE, since he came

he thinks of Joe Mulhatton. It ought to be Accounting to the Cincinnati Enutrer there was great griefly the White House over Mahone's defeat. Glad to hear omething has stirred the presidential mind

from the contemplation of reels and silver-A CHICAGO paper is engaged in a ries of articles, demonstrating how cheaply a married coupre can live. Its object is to Induce the thousands of young people in that elty, now living single, to wed, thus improv-

A CONNECTICUT father is very corcetly of opinion that there are enough school mistresses and antiquated spinsters in that state, and that is the reason why he broke his wife's leg because she persists in presenting him with girl babies.

The importation of Mexican oranges is a new industry. They are sold in San An-tonio and are grown near Monterey. In the near future the sister republic will send in many delicious tropical fruits, to which our people are now comparative strangers.

A "CHICKEN PIE" festival is the newest thing in the way of Church entertainsea of water like a dollar over a nickel. The Presbyterian ladies at Sherman claim the patent right on the chicken pie festival. THE Texas brethren had, many of

them, rough things to say of Beecher, but they all copy approvingly this little item: "No intelligent person," says the fley. Henry Ward B echer, "believes in a literal burning hell." Any man that convinces the press there is no hell can safely count on being mentioned for president.

THE proprietor of "Siftings" wrote a book and now it is announced that two members of the editorial staff of the funny paper have written a play-a blood-and-thunder production, entitled, "The Loyal With the prestige of the book, that duel and this play, "Siftings" fairly looms and sighs for new worlds to conquer.

A young Milford (Mass.) woman who is so deaf as to receive no benefit from any known artificial aid, has discovered a method of hearing by communication with the muscles of the throat of the person talking. The medium of communication is a slender stick, one end of which she holds be-tween her teeth. In this way she can hear conversation with case.

So FAR as we know, the Houston Age is the only paper in the state that hoisted the imditional rooster tampant over the news of last Tuesday's elections. Uncle Dan'l's Democracy, like 042 tires," and it is the defeat tooster is crowing over. The

A GENTLEMAN OF S has in his cabinet of carloss of false teeth, exhamed feet aborigines on the sa They are formed each from sacould be adjusted outside. false teeth are perfectly to

PROP. HUXLEY main PROP. HUNLEY indicates the fishing districts as a result of the fishing districts as a result of land. Salmon fiver main but the cod, herring, places of the code, he may, are the market of the code diminish the number of fish or he

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pots and bob-tail flashes.

Annorm's majority in New Jersey

2,073—an immense majority these days.

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A TEXAS exchange up the deduced its price to tweeth to the the the table of \$1,000 per day, is can to day a have always have a transfer of \$1,000 per day. days have elapsed sine to esta-days have elapsed sine to esta-price then, if this statement was le-ald has added state to the state of this rate of increase the Herne my able to any: Circulation equators the daily press in the state way. words to that effect.

THE accident in the Capitalian Houston, Sunday night, was an enough. But it shows we are 25 progress in the way of hotels becein where we build then with elevators should be more of them, and run the r the accidents. It would never do to the with mas because some people, when to bed, blow it out instead of turning and with elevators, too.

COMPLAINT IS made at San Ar both through the local press and by ALL the surplus spicen of the newsthat the authorities are not as protheir constituents. "Old logy ism" against the city council and they stand in the way of needed local ments. If this be true, it is hadden tonio. No town that expects toles can afford to be hampered by a mossbuckism. But the voters has that is always at hand.

THE scheme of a Catholic B THE scheme of a Caltonic me per for Texas, under the superdises on Gallaber of Galveston, is shelp shape, with sui-stantial prospets of The Gazatte cannot discern any sathe way of the movement, other adenominations in the state have so ularly liberal in the supersistent of the component of the home, has expressed himself quite freely on men and measures. But he hasn't fold what he thinks of Joe Mulhatton. It ought to be interesting to hear Mulhatton sized up by Texas, will undoubtely do see journal devoted exclusively to their

WM. BUTTES, the past of

their faith.

Mexico, known as the cowyears old, modest and unederest years old, modest and uncollected for the terms Post that he "sometimes wrote !! the exquisite gems of poesy that he the exquisite gems of poer that he their way to the public throughts of that paper is the result. He not section as the sweet singers defeat parties stopes, who drew that as from the grandear and sublimits show-crowned Rocktes and thempling of the waves of the best singers of the golden land; these the pitte forems or the windrays Oregon. Passionate, regret single through and meter, but through at the thread of genius, copping sit the thread of genius, copping sit their line is sweet ange. The order was the inspiration from after than Miller and Harte, the same draws his inspiration from all than Miller and Harte, in sec calculated to sfir the soil of the sings of the prairies ablesh to like bright spots on a carpt of dash after cattle, the curl of his dash after cattle, the carl of burild, wild rids when the her so it becomes a fleree streggle bised dened cattle and men for the weary march on the trail, Astenderer atrain he tells of the of rest, when rolled in a bla the prairie and watches the the wide waveless sen of his diamonds that glitter farage, horizon blends with the duasharp cry of the cayote, the set ty night-bird, the inliaby of ing over miles of sweet grass. mood he sings of

THE GIRL OF ALRUSTES Skin of sik!

Neck of mile!

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That a burning instrest.

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Soul of snow!

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